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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST AT INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS  
CONFERENCE

REF: TEHRAN 7954

1. PLENARY SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFER-  
ENCE NOV 14 ADOPTED TWO RESOLUTIONS ON MIDDLE EAST.  
FIRST, CALLING FOR STRICT APPLICATION OF 4TH GENEVA  
CONVENTION (CIVILIANS) IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS  
ADOPTED 116-1 (ISRAEL)-8 (US GOV AND RED CROSS,  
SWISS GOV AND RC, FRENCH GOV, UK GOV, CANADA GOV,  
AND SWEDEN GOV).

2. PLENARY THEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED UK RED CROSS  
RESOLUTION (REFTEL CALLING FOR "TOTAL APPLICATION"  
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OF ALL GENEVA CONVENTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST, IN

PARTICULAR PROVISIONS RELATING TO POWS, SICK AND WOUNDED, AND CIVILIAN VICTIMS. FOLLOWING ADOPTION, ISRAELI DELEGATE (BAR-JAACOV) OBTAINED FLOOR TO EXPLAIN HIS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO VOTE OR ABSTAIN ON THIS RESOLUTION. HIS BRIEF STATEMENT EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SPECIFIC ACTION BY CONFERENCE ON POWS.

3. EGYPTIAN DELEGATE (EL-REEDY) FOLLOWED WITH BRIEF STATEMENT WELCOMING CONFERENCE ACTION AND EXPRESSING HOPE IT WOULD HELP POINT WAY TO PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.

4. FINAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION AT CLOSING PLENARY NOV 15 WELCOMED REPORT THAT MORNING OF POW EXCHANGE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. THIS RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY GENERAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN NEWMAN-MORRIS AND WAS APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION.

5. COMMENT: USG DELEGATION WORKED QUIETLY TO ENCOURAGE ABSTENTIONS ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES RESOLUTION. CANADA AND UK ABSTENTIONS IN PARTICULAR WERE INFLUENCED BY USG POSITION. SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES CONSIDERED ABSTAINING (WEST GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRIA, DENMARK, BELGIUM), BUT IN THE END PREFERRED OIL FOR THE LAMPS OF EUROPE.  
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